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CHINA TO KEEP ON FIGHTING

Generalissimo Reaffirms Govt's Determination CALLS FOR SOLIDARITY

Nanking, December 27.
President Chiang Kai-shek today reaffirmed the Government's determination to carry on the war against the Communists with complete thoroughness and to the very end.

Arrival Of Coins Reported

Eight hundred cases of nickel 10 cent and five-cent coins have arrived in the Colony from England, according to unconfirmed reports yesterday.

The reports said that the cases arrived during the holidays, and that the coins will be placed in circulation next month.

Marshal Li Discounts Peace Talks

Marshal Li Chai-sum yesterday dashed cold water upon peace feelers by the new Chinese Premier, Dr. Sun Fo.

At the same time he disclosed that Dr. Sun had sent an emissary to Hong Kong to sound him out on peace talks with the Communists.

"There is no basis for any peace talks between the Nationalists and the Communists as equal parties," Marshal Li said in an interview with the United Press.

He said he had advised Dr. Sun's emissary that the present Chinese Government must first show its sincerity by concrete actions, such as halting the civil war; releasing political prisoners; abolishing repressive laws and regulations; preserving industrial and commercial enterprises in order to facilitate taking-over by the Communists, and in general working for the downfall of Chiang Kai-shek.

Marshal Li, who is considered the nominal leader of anti-Chiang dissidents in Hong Kong, said that if Dr. Sun is unable to do this he should leave Nanking and declare his opposition to the Generalissimo.

"This might help him escape classification as a war criminal," he declared.

PCC Conference

Chinese democratic groups would consider such actions a contribution to a coalition government, Marshal Li continued, and some figures from the present Chinese Government might even be invited to attend. The Political Consultative Conference to be held this spring.

Chiang's former Chief of Staff said the preliminary stages of the conference already are concluded, and the full dress conference would be held somewhere in Communist-occupied China, probably Peking. All shades of political opinion would be represented, including the Communists. Marshal Li said he is planning to attend.

In the meantime, he declared, Communist armies would continue to drive southward across the Yangtze, "as far as Kwangtung and Kwangsi."

Southern Bloc

Marshal Li belittled the formation of a South China anti-Communist federation under the leadership of Dr. T. V. Soong, the Governor of Kwangtung, which he said has little prospect of success.

He said he had had two conferences with General Lung Yung, the deposed Yunnan warlord, who arrived here a fortnight ago after escaping house arrest in Nanking. General Lung told Dr. Soong last weekend that he (Lung) was not interested in the South China bloc, according to Marshal Li. "Li termed the 'bloc' the 'last struggle for existence by the reactionaries,'" United Press

in a message addressed to the Speakers of the Provincial and City Councils of six North China provinces, President Chiang urged solidarity and unity among the North China people to assist the Government in its task of Communist suppression and national salvation.

He said: "The Central Authorities are determined to carry on the policy of suppression of the Communist rebellion with complete thoroughness and to the very end."

The resolve of the Nanking Government to continue the anti-Communist war was also voiced by the Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister, Dr. Wu Tu-chien, when he declared today that the Government was mobilising all available manpower and material resources to strengthen its war fronts in all areas.

"The Government is fighting an ideological war against the Communists and for the protection of the constitution, democracy and liberty," Dr. Wu said in an interview with the official Central Daily News.

As Foreign Minister, Dr. Wu dismissed the possibility of a change in China's foreign policy and implied that China was still hopeful of getting United States assistance through a greater effort towards self-help.

Govt Efforts

Dr. Wu said the Government authorities were at present deliberating on policies to be adopted by Dr. Sun Fo's Cabinet and asserted that the Government will

Drivers Ease Demand In Taxi Strike Issue

The Motorcar Drivers Association has decided to make a concession in an attempt to settle the three-month-old dispute between the taxi-cab companies and taxi-cab drivers.

At a general meeting, the Association decided to reduce the taxi-drivers' demand for a HK\$8 daily wage to HK\$7 a day, but insisted that all drivers must be reinstated.

The Association also passed a resolution demanding that the taxi companies pay compensation to the drivers for the unemployment period.

Yesterday being a holiday, responsible officials of the taxi companies could not be contacted for their reaction to the latest developments on the part of the drivers.

Meanwhile, sympathy for the 600 drivers, 70 of whom were involved in the Star Taxi Company's strike and the rest retrenched because of their go-slow sympathy strike, has spread in some quarters during the past week.

Several labour unions held meetings during the week to organise financial aid campaigns for the unemployed drivers.

The unions include the Engineers' Association, Hong Kong Seamen's Union, Carpenters

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) an anti-aircraft battery over Macau came under fire from the mainland. A short burst of low pressure extends from the Looches across Japan to the Pacific. The Kuroles is moving slowly eastwards.

Today's forecast—Northerly winds, moderate in shore, fresh offshore, partly cloudy in morning clearing during day. Maximum 70 km. per hr. Minimum 61 km. per hr. Sunshine: 5.8 hours. Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1—2402.5 mm.=77.74 ins as against an average of 2186.0 mm.=84.13 ins. Readings at 10 a.m.: 1018.4 mm. Dew point: 69° dew pt. Equal: 30.68°. 83.00° inches. Rel. Humidity: 77% 76%. Wind direction: NNE. Wind force: 6 WSW. Wind force: 6. Tides: High: 1010. Minimum: 67.8. Sunshine: 5.8 hours. Low: 1220. 87.

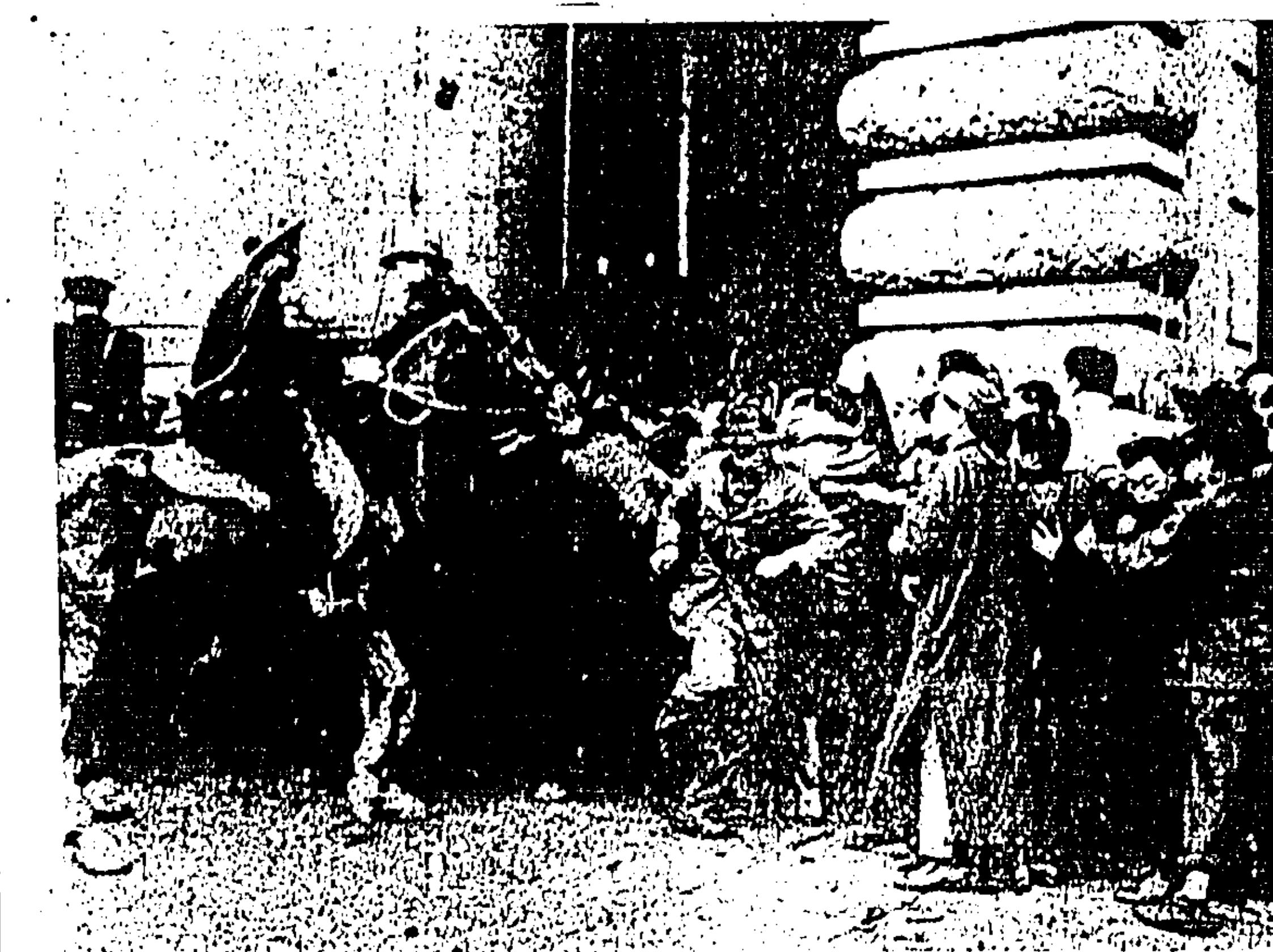
Now Drivers Recruited

Two days later, the other taxi companies withdrew their vehicles from the road after warning their drivers to halt their "go-slow" sympathy strike. The drivers were retrenched and the companies began to recruit new drivers.

Yesterday, there were only 130 regular taxi-cabs operating in the Colony—90 on the Island and 60 on the mainland. Before the dispute, the companies had 600 taxi-cabs operating on the basis of the Colony.

With sympathy for the unemployed drivers according to other labour organisations in the Colony, there is talk among some unions about taking the issue to the two Federations of Labour.

These unions said that as the Hong Kong Employers' Federation is supporting the taxi-cab companies, there is no reason why the two Labour Federations in the Colony should not come out to support the drivers.



Police In Action At Shanghai Bank

Crop Of Christmas Mishaps Reported From Global Points

London, December 27.

The Christmas holiday period produced its usual crop of tragedies.

From various parts of the world come reports of events which marred, for some, the festive season.

In the United States, tragic Christmas holiday fires took a heavy toll of children's lives.

At least 28 children were burned to death, chiefly in fires at home, and more lost their lives in the rising number of traffic accidents.

Throughout the United States 375 persons have been killed since Christmas Eve. The toll includes 233 traffic deaths, 82 deaths in fires and 78 from other accidents.

One tragedy was reported in the small town of Berlin, Vermont, where three little girls were burned to death when fire swept their home while their parents were away. Their bodies were found in the ashes.

Reports from other parts of the world:

Black Xmas

Shanghai: More than 40 frozen corpses were picked up in the streets as the first cold wave hit the city. Minimum temperature was 35.2 Fahrenheit.

Australia: Nine bathers were drowned, and a shark killed a life guard in one of Sydney's bleakest records of Christmas accidents for many years. The shark attacked the life guard who was shepherding swimmers from the water.

In Adelaid people in the hills around the city bid their homes flooded after a cloudburst on Christmas Eve. The river rose quickly, giving many house-holders along the banks no chance to move their belongings. Ten miles of roads and a bridge were washed away, and crops damaged.

Holland: Twelve adults and children trying to extinguish the flaming beard of Father Christmas at a children's home in Amsterdam were badly burned. Father Christmas had leaned too far over a candle at a sick boy's bedside.

Coll Suicide

France: Elderly Jean Schilpp Roche, charged with attempting to undermine the morale of a young girl, committed suicide in his cell by stuffing his nose with peas saved from his Christmas meal.

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At Ensor, near Saarbrucken, 20 miners were killed in a flaming coal pit. The men were trapped when the pit was walled in to prevent the fire spreading.

Denmark: Three were killed and five severely injured when a store of gunpowder used for making Christmas and New Year fireworks exploded.

COLD LONDON

London, December 27. Britain had its coldest day of the year today. Temperatures sank to 28 Fahrenheit in London and 30 in Middlesbrough, North of London.—Associated Press.

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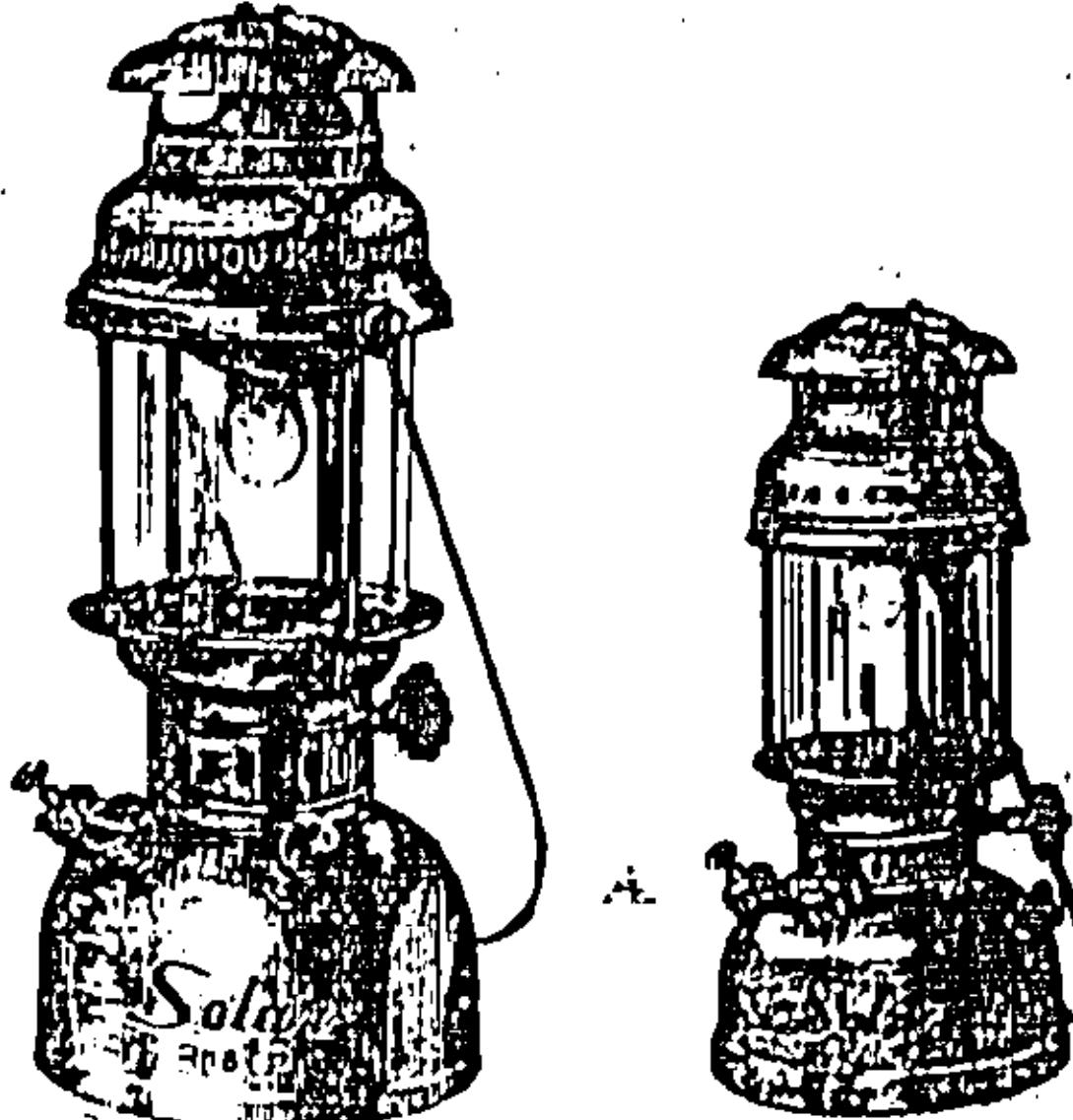


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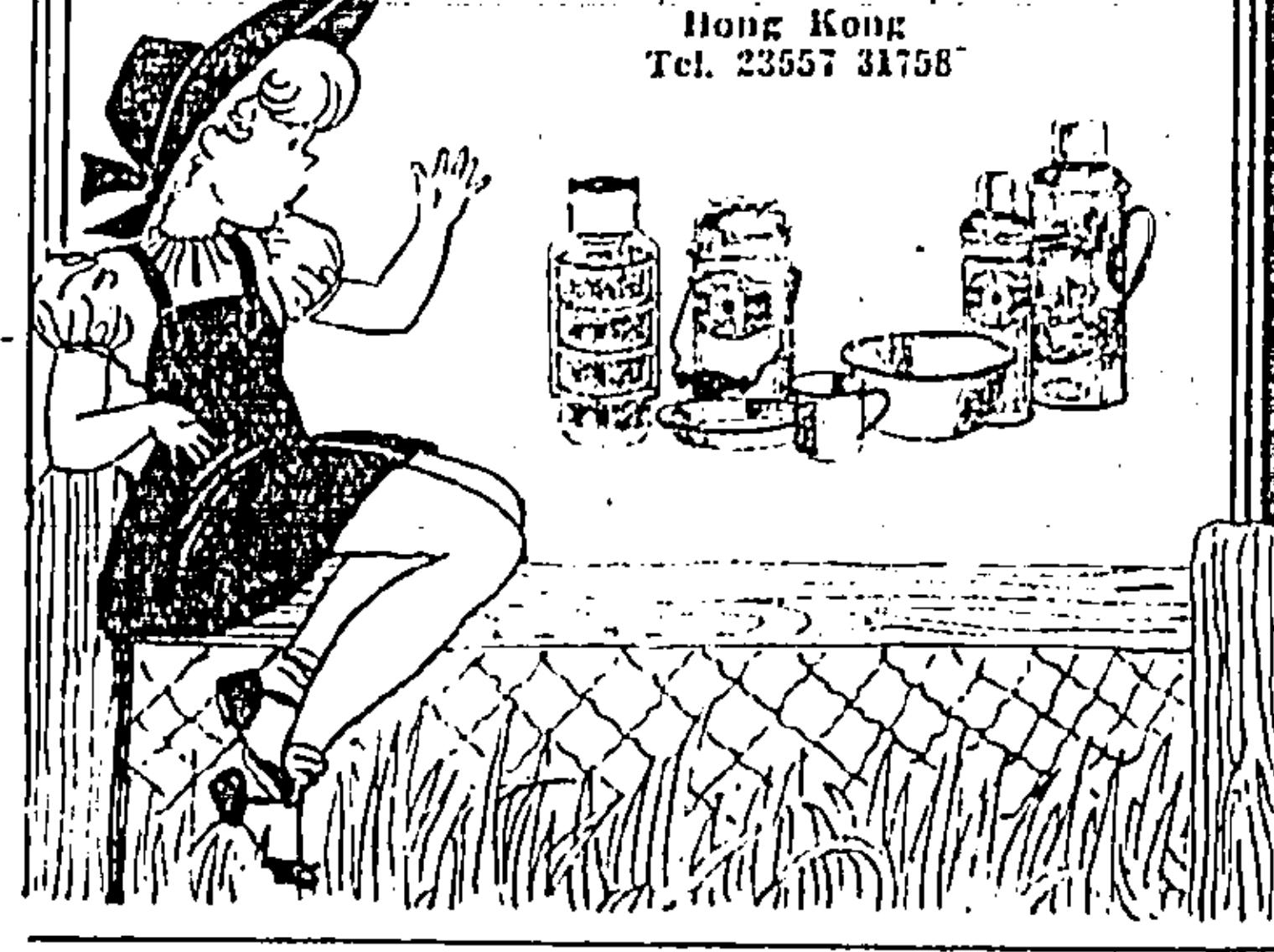
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PORTUGUESE EVACUEES ARE NOT REFUGEES

Portuguese nationals leaving Shanghai, expected to arrive in Hong Kong early in January en route to Macao, are not refugees, Dr. Eduardo Brazao, Hong Kong Portuguese Consul, stated yesterday.

Their departure from the troubled Chinese metropolis is voluntary and all of them have relatives in the Portuguese colony. There are not many of them, Dr. Brazao said, and most are women and children.

No official arrangements have been made here for the transhipment to Macao of the arrivals. They have to make their own preparations.

There are about 2,000 Portuguese nationals in Shanghai. The Portuguese Consul there made arrangements with the Philippine Consul to provide space for Portuguese in the same LST which is bringing Filipinos

evacuees to the Philippines via Hong Kong. About 300 steerage passengers have been made available to the Portuguese, who have to pay their own fares, ranging from US\$33 to US\$40 each, to Hong Kong only.

To assist their community regarding departure from North China, the Portuguese Residents Association of Shanghai has circulated a questionnaire among its members requesting whether they wish to avail themselves of the opportunity of leaving by the LST taking away the Filipino refugees; will evacuate only in an emergency and when ordered by the Portuguese authorities, or will refuse to evacuate.

A shortage of the Chinese delicacy, bird's nest, is forecast for this coming Chinese New Year festivities. And the local market prices are expected to increase.

The forecast is based on the walkout on Christmas Day of more than 400 workers employed in Hong Kong's bird's nest industry.

The men struck work following their employers' refusal to sign a new agreement regarding employment of apprentices, overtime wages, and working hours.

A strike committee has been organised by the workers, who include the clerical staff, to obtain accommodation facilities for the strikers and to provide them with meals and money during the strike period.

The committee has decided to provide a striker with HK\$50 as travelling expenses if he wishes to return to his village in the interior to stay there until the strike is settled.

Reminders

Today

H.K. Rotary Club, closed meeting, Roof Garden H. K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.; Kowloon Tong Garden Association, annual meeting, 5.30 p.m.; Portuguese Institute, talk on "The History of Cultural Relations Between China and the West" by Prof. Ph. de Vargas Lustosa, 6.30 p.m.; Queen Mary Hospital, Nurses Hostel, 6 p.m.; Photographic Society of Hong Kong, monthly meeting and dinner, Cosmo Club, 7.30 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
H.K. Football Referees Association, fortnightly meeting, Pringle's Bldg., 8.30 p.m.; Toc H Club, Classical Concert, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.; Friendly soccer: St. Joseph's vs. RAF, Happy Valley, 3.30 p.m.; Girl Guides Xmas Party, St. Andrew's Church Hall, 3 p.m.

Two unidentified women were buried alive when a landslide occurred at Laichikok at 3 p.m. yesterday.

The scene of tragedy was at a place called Kau Pa Kan at the Northernmost end of Laichikok. The women were believed to be country people.

Sub-inspector S.H. Downman, who has been in the New Territories (Tsui Wan, Lok Ma Chau and Shun Tin) for the past 30 months, has been transferred to Yaumati. He is relieved at Shatin by Sub-Inspector Jones.

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Danger Of War Lies In Curtained Minds Of Soviet Officials

Now York, December 27.

The danger of war lies in the curtained minds of a handful of Soviet officials.

They may not realise that any grab for Western Europe would bring immediate atomic and decisive American action.

This is the conclusion of Mr. William Bradford Hu, student of air power of the United States Air Force.

Writing in today's issue of the Reader's Digest, Hu asserted: In wisdom as well as humanity the United States should warn the Russian rulers that we now have enough improved atomic weapons to immobilise Russia; that we can deliver these weapons in sufficient quantity to kill or maim in the first raids a staggering proportion of the people in Russia's key cities; that targets have been selected and that this terrible retaliation will come if Russia attacks us or another free nation."

Mr. Hu declared United States bombers could deliver atomic bombs upon any city in Russia within a few hours of the issuance of orders.

Most Destructive Force Ever

He said the amount of explosive force the United States could pour upon Russian cities in one raid would be comparable to that released by all the powder and TNT exploded by the combined armies, navies and air forces in the last war.

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The Danger

Mr. Hu said danger lay in the possibility that Soviet officials may rely too strongly on an enormous ground army while measuring the extent of American retaliation by the small number of Allied troops in Europe.

"These facts are published in the hope of averting aggression based on misunderstanding. The aggressors in World War I did not know what to do to American capabilities and intentions. The Russian rulers must be convinced that if they grab for Western Europe American reaction will be immediate, atomic and decisive."

Mr. Hu is a free lance writer and author of books including "The Fight for Air Power" and served two years in the American Navy in World War II besides visiting all the fronts as a war correspondent.—United Press.

YOUTH ADMITS HE'S "ON A JOB"

Possession of scoul knife and a torch cost Ho Hung-po, a 19-year-old youth three months liberty when he was charged before Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday with possession of instruments fit for an unlawful purpose.

Sub-inspector J.H. Evans said accused was stopped by FC 927 at Anchored Street, near Oak Street, at 4.35 a.m. on December 26. When searched, the knife and torch were found on him.

Questioned by the constable, the youth frankly admitted that he was on his way to "a job".



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Ghost Ship Arrives In Colony

The ocean-going tug Sea Hawk towed into Hong Kong yesterday afternoon a "ghost" ship and a disabled sister tug, Sea Lynx, which she rescued when the vessel had engine trouble about 190 miles from the Colony.

The Sea Lynx was towing a disabled oil tanker from Shanghai for the Hong Kong Shipping Company when about 100 miles from Hong Kong a few days ago she had to return to Shanghai, and her engine had given out of water. The Sea Hawk was dispatched to tow her into the Colony.

The Sea Lynx, of the oil tanker, which arrived here without registry, crew or flag, is still undivided. The company reported she may be reconditioned or put on the market.

The tug was owned by the board of trustees of Waterway Transport, Shanghai, who are taking over from C.N.A.C., as agent of the company, and the tanker belongs to the Hong Kong Shipping Company.

Both tugs are due to depart for the North today or tomorrow.

Squatter Huts Saved From Serious Fire

The prompt arrival of the Fire Brigade, under Deputy Chief Officer C. W. Brand and Divisional Officer R. H. J. Brooks, saved the squatters' colony at Third Street from total destruction.

This fire, which was one of the ten which broke out during the Christmas holidays, was of such serious proportion as to necessitate the attendance of four appliances from Central and the Western Districts.

Starting at the rear of a hut situated at the back of 77 Third Street, the blaze soon had a strong grip on the adjoining structures, and, although the first appliances arrived within a few minutes of the alarm being raised, gutted 20 of the 60 or 70 huts in the area before it was brought under control at 2 a.m.

Another serious fire broke out in the rear portion of 33 Battery Street, Yau Ma Tei, at 3.20 a.m. yesterday, and destroyed the stock of wooden chocks on the premises.

Mr. P. A. L. Yiu made a successful submission when he defended Ho Tak, aged 40, unemployed, before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central.

Defendant who was charged with stealing HK\$500 on May 18, 1947 from Chan Muk-yam was discharged yesterday.

The Norwegian steamer Daviken brought 355 Chinese deck passengers from Swatow yesterday.

Besides the tons of luggage of the passengers, the vessel carried no cargo.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

Little Credit

Sir.—For sheer buffoonery the latest decision by the United Nations Security Council takes one beating. And, if ever the citizens of the various nations of this world needed proof that the United Nations organisation is about as effective as the late Mr Chamberlain's umbrella in preserving peace and vindicating justice among the powers, then they must have seen it in the results of the debate on Indonesia just concluded in Paris.

With a flourish of trumpets, the United States, Colombia and Syria introduced a draft resolution which, among other points, demands a cease-fire in Indonesia, withdrawal of troops (meaning Dutch troops) to the positions they occupied during the status quo period and a demand for the release of the various Indonesian Republican leaders seized by Dutch airborne troops at Jakarta.

And a most just resolution was rarely framed within the framework in the United Nations organisation.

But what happens? After taking the resolution paragraph by paragraph, and after rejecting a similar (and quite just) Soviet resolution on the same lines, the Security Council suddenly gets cold feet (very cold feet) and carefully deletes all reference to the resolution to a withdrawal of Dutch troops to the former demarcation line—and, worse still, refuses to apportion the blame to the present bloodshed in Indonesia.

All of which is good joss for the Dutch! Here they are, "British" called them in his letter a few days ago, a fifth-rate power—ninth-rate power, guilty of one of the most flagrant breaches of a truce ever seen in world history—supported by a world organisation supposed to yield justice among the nations. What a ludicrous and scandalous state of affairs.

Now the Dutch, thanks to the action (rather inaction) of the Security Council may throw out their chests with impunity and get on with the work of slaughtering more and more Indonesians who are bold enough to state that, after all, Indonesia is the native home of Indonesia and that the Dutch, just as the British were in Burma and in India, are interlopers, whose only connection with the territory is an economic one—certainly not a paternal one.

And thanks to the support of two other fifth-rate powers, France and Belgium, both of whom have colonial empires over which to wield the sword, Holland looks like setting the whole Far East ablaze. In an outbreak of resentment among Asiatic peoples.

The Dutch broke the truce and their excuses were hypocritical. By using the truce period and the negotiations with the Indonesians as a screen, they laid their military plans and acted when those plans were ripe. I am convinced that never at any time did the Dutch intend to seek an agreement with Dr. Soekarno and his Republican ministers. As members of the United Nations, they should have known that, to settle a dispute within the framework of that organisation. True enough, everybody else does it, but that does not make black white. By the sheer act of aggression, they have placed themselves fairly and squarely in the wrong and the Security Council should have been brave enough to tell them so.

This is the biggest blow that the United Nations have experienced so far. They have meddled in Greece and in Palestine—and done precisely nothing to end bloodshed in those two areas. They have failed to solve the so-called Berlin crisis. Just as the League of Nations was before the second world war, the United Nations have become the battlefield for two ideologies—communism and capitalism. And behind all the squabbling and bickering of the recent General Assembly in Paris, there has emerged one salient fact—that the United Nations are just as impotent as their predecessor.

That was his Christmas. But, with true fortitude (the kind that he had displayed in a Japanese prison of war camp) he kept the news away from his wife and family. Their Christmas was not joyful. And that was only one case.

Another Briton, also known to me, spent most of the day on December 23 looking for an apartment for his family and himself. Hotel charges were eating his salary away. He had to find accommodation. But he didn't know where he was asked \$50,000 "iten" money. For another \$14,000... And for a basement hotel (not far from Central Police Station) \$5,000. This is Hong Kong! While there may have been merry sounds in the Leighton Hill area on Christmas Eve, there was little mirth in this man's hotel room that evening.

Another friend of mine—a Shanghai Chinese—spent quite a merry Christmas. Five days ago he arrived in the Colony, he was not short of cash—mill-owner rarely are. He bought a house to live large family and himself, and had ten servants from Shanghai. True enough, it cost him \$50,000 but at least he's got a home here to stay in until the situation in China warrants his returning to the patriotic innkeeper he's left in the hands of a few more scoundrels.

It appeared to be quite a merry Christmas, too, for the thousands of Shanghai-dialect speakers.

Christmas I saw in Christine Evans' with parcels that would have cost many a man a month's alimony. Let me suppose it's all good for trade—even if it doesn't help the British resident, the Chinese resident, the Portuguese resident and many others who have spent most of their lives here, to make both ends meet.

A nice Christmas box to most hotel residents would have been an announcement of a drop in hotel charges for those of us who are forced (we certainly don't want to) to pay much to much each month—for exactly nothing!

But no! Five months after a committee was appointed to investigate hotel rates, we are still waiting patiently for some announcement. And the "Sunday Express" calls Hong Kong a "bastion of security." I suppose it is—if you have money!

I wish some of us could have changed places with some of our government officials on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Celebrations in a hotel room, with a couple of beds on which to seal your guests, are not conducive to merry-making. Nor is sharing a bathhouse with the rest of the fluor likely to increase your pleasure. Or hotel food, for that matter! And you can't cook much of a Christmas dinner on a small electric stove, which you see us surreptitiously, can you?

Maybe the coming year will bring some overdue Christmas boxes in the shape of mo-ho-yeo and maybe not! Or perhaps our powers that be will take but a yellow oven in Shanghai) by the horns and do something to erase this nefarious "tea money" racket from our midst. While benevolent collaborators—we know most of them pretty well—rule around in their cars, the average Chinese here—usually one who has fought to "save Democracy"—just keeps his head above the murk water that swirls around him.

We are going to spend a lot of money on a Defence Force, the idea of which has not exactly been joyously welcomed by the residents here. I don't know whether the government is surprised or not. They shouldn't be. How can you expect a flood of recruits when the men who will do the fighting if war ever comes again are waging the battle of their lives to keep body and soul together. In a place where the "heroes" of the past are the puppets to the present?

This man a Briton—fought for the Colony during the war. On Christmas Eve he was trudging from friend to friend to borrow money—not to spend on presents for the kids or some good Christmas cheer to warm the cockles of the heart, but to pay a landlord a sum of over \$1,000 for a monthly stay in one of our local hotels.

This is the attitude of the United Nations, as far as I can see.

They are good to look at, good to listen to, and good to handle—but they are not reliable and will come across with first-rate performance, on practically any station.

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Inter-Varsity Sports Meet Comes To End

The 1948 Inter-Varsity Sports Meet between Lingnam University of Canton and Hong Kong University came to a close yesterday.

The visitors won the basketball pennant, but the local Undergraduates clinched the badminton title by a clear-cut victory.

Lingnam emerged victorious at basketball by 28-21. The game was very evenly contested, except in the second quarter, where the visiting quintette secured a good lead to clinch the decision.

The local team proved its supremacy at badminton, winning by 6-0. The game for thrills was that between C. S. Fong and H. K. Mah (Lingnam) and C. K. Lee and S. K. Cheung (HKU), in which the latter, after being 15-13 down, made a remarkable recovery to win without conceding any more points.

Youthful H. T. Heah excelled with his well placed smashes and with the aid of his able partner, was offered very little opposition, except for the encounter with Lingnam's first pair, C. S. Fong and H. K. Mah.

In this game, the visitors, after being 20-9 down, made a desperate but fruitless rally, the final score being 21-17.

The results are as follows:

C. S. Fong and H. K. Mah (Lingnam) lost to C. K. Lee and S. K. Cheung (HKU) 18-21; lost to H. T. Heah and Y. C. Foo (HKU) 17-21; lost to N. K. Chin and M. T. Yeow (HKU) 14-21; P. L. Chee and Jimmy Wong (Lingnam) lost to H. T. Heah and Y. C. Foo (HKU) 3-21; lost to N. K. Chin and M. T. Yeow (HKU) 5-21; C. S. Kok and F. W. Kwong (Lingnam) lost to N. K. Chin and M. T. Yeow (HKU) 15-21.

A high standard of badminton was displayed in the exhibition encounter between S. A. Vanar and C. K. Lee and K. S. Low and T. T. Chin, all of HKU. The former pair ran out winners by 21-14.

Sporting Briefs

The "China Mail" has been reliably informed that Mr. G. Tunstall, who was in charge of the South China "A" v. St. Joseph's First Division soccer match at Caroline Hill on Sunday, December 19, has lodged a protest regarding last Thursday's meeting at the HKFA.

In the friendly cricket match at Cox's Road on Sunday, Kowloon Cricket Club beat Royal Navy by six wickets.

Scores: Royal Navy 134, R.E. Lee took three wickets for 37 runs. KCC: 161. (A. Zimmein 42 and W. Davidson 57 retired).

A friendly soccer game between the Senior team of St. Joseph's College in the School Football League and a team from the Royal Air Force, will be played on the St. Joseph's Ground at Happy Valley at 3.30 p.m. tomorrow.

The basketball match between St. Joseph's College and Lingnam University of Canton at Caroline Hill on Christmas Day resulted in a victory for St. Joseph's by 23-22.

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DIPLOMAT'S ALL-NIGHT ORDEAL IN THE SNOW

Film Star Is 'So Nice'

Dublin, December 26. Guarded by a large staff with strict orders to protect her privacy, Miss Rita Hayworth, Hollywood screen star, spent Christmas as the guest of Prince Aly Khan at the Prince's Gilltown mansion at Killullen, County Kildare.

Gilltown, one of Ireland's finest estates, covers a 1,000 acres.

The Prince's Killenny housekeeper, Mrs. Helen Smithwick, is charmed by Miss Hayworth.

"She is so nice. I wish we had her always. Herself and the Prince are perfectly happy though the Prince is very busy because of his horses," Mrs. Smithwick said.

Miss Hayworth saw 50 of Prince Aly Khan's thoroughbreds today and with the Prince had an early morning gallop in bright sunshine. Reuter.

Wiesbaden, December 27.

An American airship Skymaster pilot tonight reported sighting "five or six" Russian aircraft in the Berlin-Frankfurt air corridor this afternoon. He said he saw the planes about 55 kilometres from Tempelhof Airfield, Berlin. Reuter.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 945 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second on the 31 metre band.

H.K.T.

12.15 p.m. Belgrave Talk to Children (Studio)

12.30 p.m. Daily Press Summary Summary

12.45 p.m. Melodies from British Radio (Studio)

1.00 p.m. "The Songs for You" sung by Maurice Kelly (Studio)

1.15 p.m. News, Weather Report and Announcements

1.25 p.m. Orchestra Interlude

1.30 p.m. "From Foreign Lands"

2.00 p.m. Close Down

6.00 p.m. Programme Summaries

6.00 p.m. Children's Story, "Piper

Written by Eric Lewis Clarke (Studio)

6.15 p.m. Edith Leonard and her Orchestra

6.30 p.m. Cantando by Radio given by Miss Lee Wai Lai & B.K. Lee (Studio)

6.50 p.m. Lee Daniels and his "Hot

7.00 p.m. World and Home News (London Relay)

7.15 p.m. "Star Test" Talks on Sport (Studio)

7.30 p.m. Interlude

7.30 p.m. Stage and Screen Favourites

by Allen Wells (Studio)

8.00 p.m. From the Editorials (London Relay)

8.10 p.m. University Programme, Art Culture No. 5, "Animal Production" by J.A. Hammond (BBC Studio)

8.30 p.m. Continuous Music

8.45 p.m. Photo Rehearsal by Harry Grey (Studio)

9.15 p.m. "20 Questions" The R.A.P. Team Question Master Peter Gregory (Studio) (Relay)

10.00 p.m. Radio News Read (London Relay)

10.15 p.m. Weather Report

10.15 p.m. Rachmaninoff's Lost Quartet

10.30 p.m. "Graze Again" in Great Major, On

10.30 p.m. played by Lester Stirling Quartet

10.45 p.m. "Nothing but Music" by

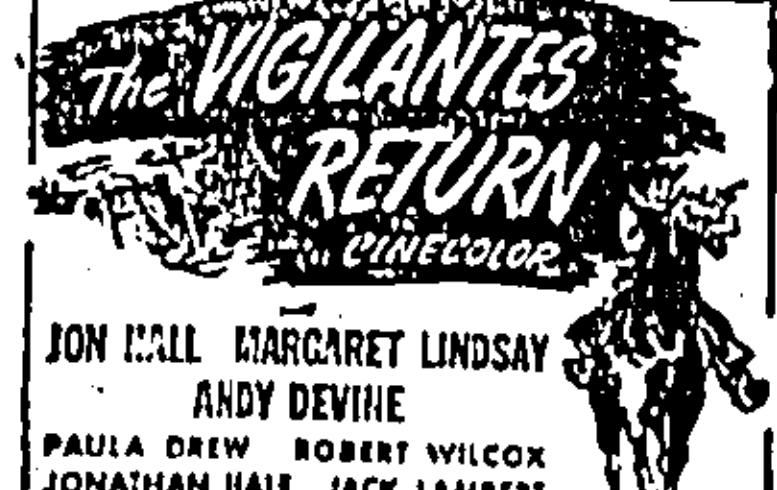
Sidney Torch & Queen Hall Light Orch. (O.R.B.)

11.15 p.m. Weather Report and Close Down.

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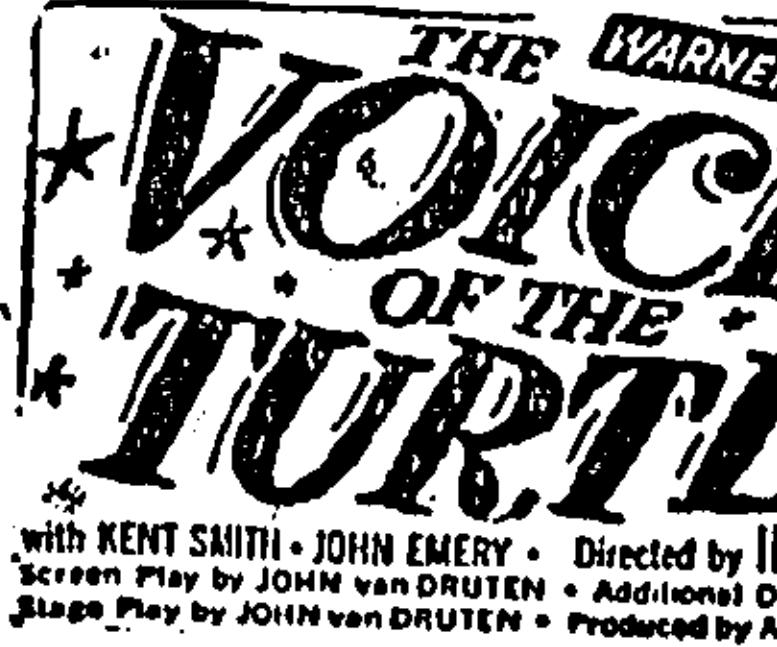
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WATCH FOR THE OPENING DATE!

Washington, December 26. The former Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, was found in a field near his palatial Oxon Hill, Maryland, estate early today.

He had suffered a heart attack and lain unconscious in the freezing cold all night. His hands and feet were frost-bitten, his face scratched and his clothing frozen to his body.

He had apparently fallen into a brook, then crawled out onto the bank where he collapsed.

Mr. Welles was found by a neighbour, Brooks Kerby, whose 10-year-old son spotted the noted ex-diplomat's body as he and his father drove home from church.

Mr. Kerby summoned help and Mr. Welles, still unconscious, was taken to the casualty hospital in Washington and placed under an oxygen tent.

Doctors described his condition as "serious" and said it might be necessary to amputate his toes.

His personal physician, who asked that his name remain undisclosed, said late today that Mr. Welles regained consciousness and complained repeatedly of a pain in his chest.

Cardiac and other tests were made to determine heart and general physical conditions. He was suffering severely from shock.

Still Serious

The physician said it might be days before it was decided whether an amputation was necessary. He added: "Mr. Welles has reacted somewhat to treatment, but his condition remains serious."

The doctor said he had been treating his 56-year-old patient for a heart condition during the last 10 years.

Mr. Kerby said Mr. Welles' clothes were frozen to his body. His face and hands were scratched and swollen as though he had dragged himself through brambles.

Mr. Kerby said he tried to rouse Mr. Welles, but failed. He then called a negro servant on his farm, but two of them were still unable to get Mr. Welles to his feet.

Mr. Kerby then called two other neighbours and the four carried him to a tenant's house and summoned the police and the District Heights emergency rescue squad. The squad took Mr. Welles to hospital.

Mr. Welles' second wife, the former Mathilde Townsend, said she had arranged to occupy a room adjoining his. Mr. Welles was last seen by his valet last night.

Went For Walk

He had been working on some papers and summoned the valet to tell him he could go to bed and that he (Welles) was going for a walk and would lock up the house on his return.

Mr. Welles was dressed in a very heavy, short-length overcoat when found, and that had probably saved him from death. The temperature early this morning ranged from 15 to 17 degrees above zero.

Servants at the Oxon Hill estate said Mr. Welles had been troubled by insomnia and lately had been taking walks each night in an effort to induce sleep. They also reported he had suffered a number of minor attacks

Wonder Drug Off Licence

Washington, December 27. The Commerce Department today ended licensing requirements for the export of streptomycin, called the wonder drug to all countries except Europe and adjacent areas in the Mediterranean.

The reason is improved output by domestic production.

The Department also announces the removal of requirements for licences to ship most softwood lumber to non-European countries, saying this is due to improved domestic supply and curtailed buying by foreign countries.—Associated Press.

During recent weeks and had been awfully disturbed since Laurence Duggan, a close friend and former State Department associate, had plunged to death from a 10th storey office window in New York last Monday.—United Press.

CHINA COMMUNISTS NAME LIST OF "WAR CRIMINALS"

Pontiff Has Quiet Christmas

Rome, December 26. The Pope spent a quiet Christmas, dedicating it to prayer and meditation, which was interrupted for a short period in the afternoon when he received his relatives.

Among those present at the short audience, held in the private library of the Pontiff, were his nephews, Giulio, Marconcino and Giulio Paolini. All three were accompanied by their wives and the last two by their children.

The Pope spoke a few words about Christmas and the Christian Child to his relatives and then handed Christmas gifts to the children.

The presents were artistic ivory and silver rosaries and prayer books bound in mother of pearl.

On Christmas Eve, the Pope recited the traditional three mid-night Masses. The first two were held in the Methodist Chapel in the apostolic palace, in the presence of the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the Holy See. United Press.

Christian Goodwill

Seattle, December 27.

Thirty-nine carloads of wheat for the hungry of Asia and Europe were dedicated at shipside here today as a demonstration of the reality of Christian goodwill and brotherhood.

The words were those of the Governor-elect, Arthur B. Langlie, who participated in the ceremonies marking the donation of the wheat by farmers of Washington, Northern Idaho and Montana.

The thirty-nine cars are part of more than 1,000 carloads of goods of overseas relief which were to have reached seaports on Christmas day.

The collections were made in the CROP campaign sponsored by the Christian Rural Overseas programme. Backing CROP are Protestant and Catholic Church groups.

Twenty-five of the cars dedicated here were from Washington and Northern Idaho and 14 were from Montana.—Associated Press.

MR. DUGGAN CLEARED

Washington, December 27.

The Attorney General, Tom C. Clark, said yesterday no connection had been found between the late Laurence Duggan, former State Department official, and any espionage or giving of documents from the Department.

The Attorney General said that Duggan, who fell to his death last week from a Manhattan office building, had been interrogated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation about 10 days before.

But Mr. Clark emphasised that such an interview did not imply wrongdoing.

"He gave us some leads," Mr. Clark said, "but we have found no connection between him and any espionage or the giving of documents from the State Department."

Duggan, an expert on Latin American affairs, was a top adviser to Secretary of State Cordell Hull when he held office.—Associated Press.

"JUST PENALTY" FOR LEADERS

San Francisco, December 27. The Chinese Communists today named a list of "war criminals" among the leaders of Nationalist China.

In a broadcast, the Red radio described them as "men well known for their heinous crimes and whom all Chinese agree should receive the just penalty."

Leading the list is Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. Madame Chiang also is listed under her maiden name, Soong Mei-ling.

"The 'just penalty' was not described in the broadcast, heard Navy Commander here by the Associated Press.

Most of the names are not surprising but the list includes the Vice-President, Li Tsung-jen, who has been mentioned in Chinese speculation as a possible peace negotiator, and a former Premier, Chung Chun, also mentioned as a peace advocate.

Others on the list: General Chen Cheng, former Chief of Staff; General Pai Chung-hsi and Ho Ying-chin, former Defence Minister; and Ku Chu-tung, Army Commander-in-Chief; Chen Li-fu and Chen Kuo-fu, leaders of the extreme rightist clique in the Government;

Kung And Soong

H. H. Kung and T. V. Soong, former Premiers and brothers-in-law of the Generalissimo; A former Premier, Wong Wen-hao;

The present Premier, Sun Fo; Wu Teh-chen, new Vice-President; Foreign Minister and long-time Secretary-General of the Kuomintang;

Wang Yun-wu, former Deputy Premier and former Finance Minister;

Tai Chuay-isien, Kuomintang Central Executive Committee man;

Wu Ting-chang, long time member of various Cabinets and anti-Communist "pacification commissioner" in Yunnan and Kweichow provinces;

Envoy To U.S.

General Liising Shih-hui, Chiang's personal representative at Peking Headquarters;

Chang Li-shien, former Vice-Premier and Director of the economic blockade against the Communists;

Chi Chin-Hun, former Education Minister;

Wang Shih-chieh, recently Foreign Minister; Wellington Koo, Ambassador to Washington;

K. C. Wu, Mayor of Shanghai;

General Liu Tze, Commander on the front North of Nanking;

Chen Chien, long time Government official and unsuccessful candidate for Vice-President last spring;

General Hsueh Yueh, former Director of Military Affairs;

General Wei Li-hung, who finally lost Manchuria to the Reds last month;

The Last Warlord

General Yu Han-mou, head of Chiang's land forces;

General Hu Taung-nan, who captured and then lost the Communist capital of Yenan;

General Fu Tso-yi, North China Commander;

General Yen Hsi-sham, "last of the warlords"; and Governor of Shantung province;

Chow Chi-Jeu, Air Force Commander;

Wang Hsu-ming, not identified in any available Chinese directions or recent despatches;

General Tu Li-ming, Commander of the Government Army Groups now surrounded by Communists near Hauchow;

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SOUTH WEST CHINA AS NEW CHIANG BASE?

Shanghai, December 27. The Nationalist Government is reported to be planning the appointment of a Governor General for China's South Western provinces.

Object is to unify the direction of military and administrative affairs in this important part of the country, famous for its wealth of natural resources.

The name of General Ho Ying-chin, former Minister of National Defence, is being prominently mentioned for the new post, which is expected to have overall jurisdiction over the provinces of Szechuan, Kwangsi, Kwelchow and Sikang—an area larger than India, with a total population of over 90 million.

Miss Douglas said women began to expand when they freed themselves from the rib-crushing restrictions of old-fashioned foundation garments. The evolution has become complete, and women nowadays are inclined to buy shoes that fit rather than pinched, she added—United Press.

Minority Leaders

General Tang En-po, Commander of Nanking Defences;

General Sun Li-jen, head of the Government Army School on Formosa;

Ma Huan-kwei, independent Governor of Ningpo province;

Ma Pu-fang, Governor of Taungtai province;

Tao Hsi-sheng, former Kuomin tang official who aided but then broke with the Japanese

puppet regime during the Japanese war;

Tseng Chi, leader of the minority Young China Party, and Carson Chang, leader of the minority Democratic Socialist Party, both of which participate in the Chiang Government.—Associated Press.

Reds Introduce A New Currency

Shanghai, December 27.

The leftist Far Eastern Bulletin reports that the Chinese Communists have issued a new Chinese currency with one dollar equivalent to about 2/3 of an American cent.

The magazine pointed out that the currency is backed by neither precious metal nor foreign currencies but by essential commodities

"People in liberated areas prefer foodstuffs, cloth and other materials to gold or silver," the magazine explained.

The new currency is being issued by the newly established Communist Peoples' Bank of North China and is intended as legal tender for more than 100,000,000 people living South of the Great Wall and North of the Yellow River.

It does not extend so far to Communist-controlled Manchuria, or Red areas of Central China.

The new currency is intended to replace notes issued by three Communist banks now amalgamated: the North China Bank, the North Sea Bank and the North Western Farmers' Bank.

Some Inflation

Apparently there is a wide discrepancy in the value of notes issued by these three banks because of conversion rates.

The Far East Bulletin claims there has been no demand on the part of the people under Red control to convert paper money into metal coins and there is no

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Mr. Fraser, who is staying with friends in Britain, told reporters: "Today, with millions everywhere celebrating the birth of the Prince of Peace, we are still far from peace."

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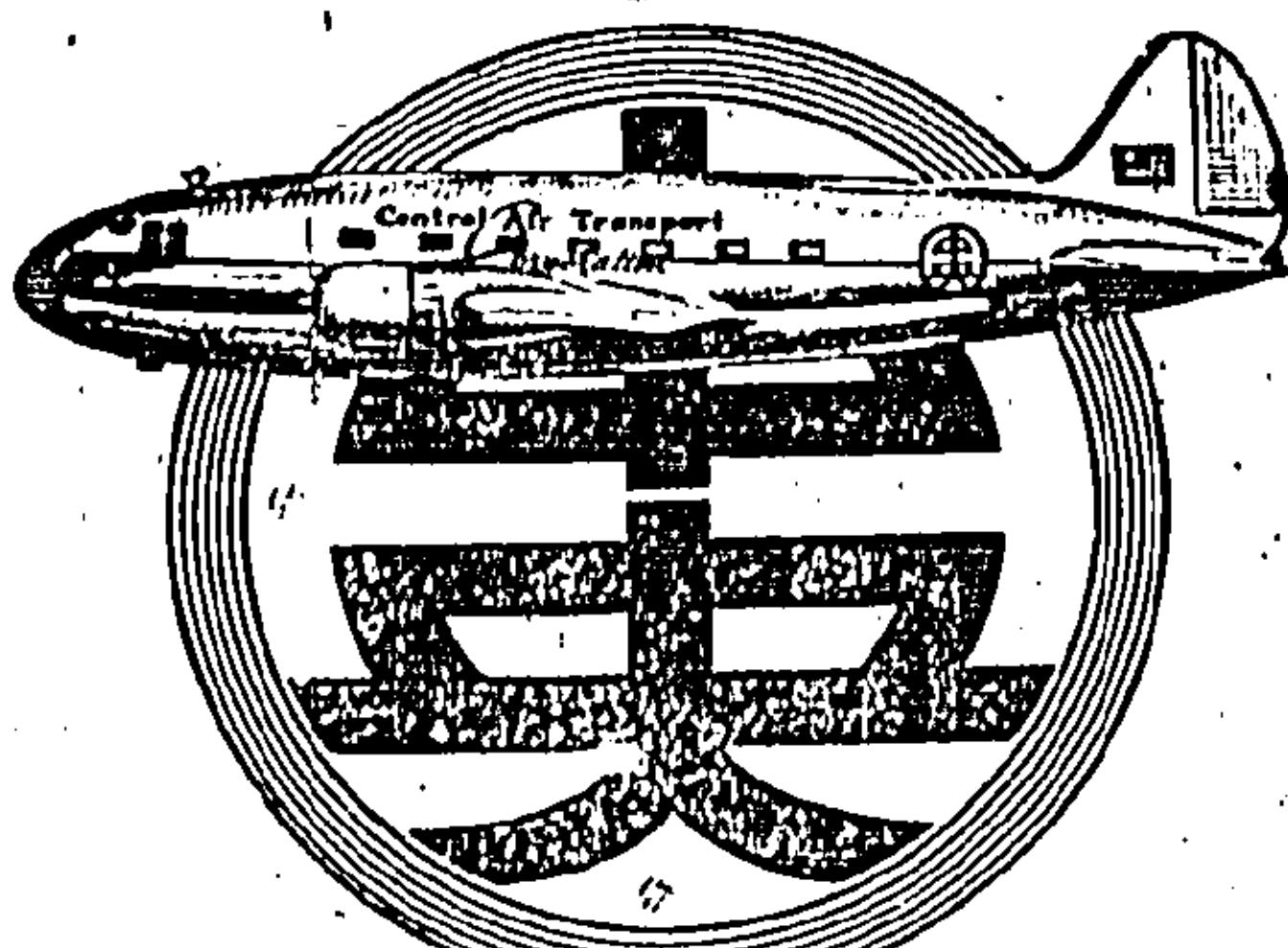
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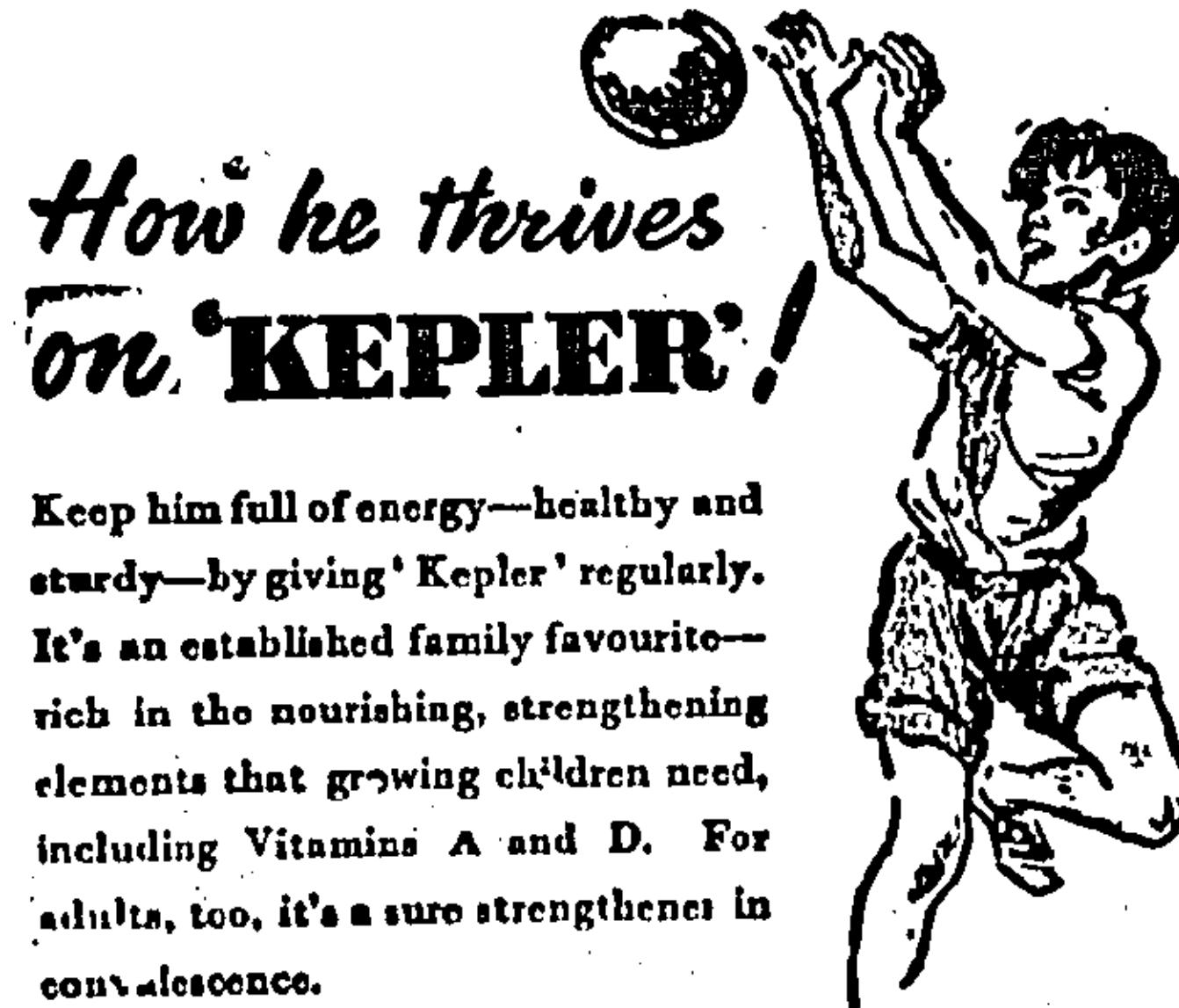
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TALK OF PEACE NOT JUST ALL TALK

Shanghai, December 27.
The bitter and freezing weather today slowed the civil war to a walk.

In direct contrast, indications that there is something behind the peace talks, picked up speed hourly.

Two definite impressions were left by this correspondent's visit to Nanking on pre-Christmas days:

① For the first time in a long time there is very clearly discernible cohesion and co-operation among various officials in directing various phases of the government—what one high foreign source described as, now everybody lets others know what they are doing, instead of taking

independent action at a tangent and keeping it secret, with a resultant spirit of co-operation long absent.

② None of the high Chinese officials contacted denies the seriousness of the situation and none denied peace possibilities.

No Pessimism

One of the Cabinet ministers, in an interview with this correspondent, took particular pains to make it clear that peace was not ruled out in the new government's consideration of the overall situation.

There are no signs anywhere in Nanking, either in the spirit of officials or in preparations of their offices, to indicate that they are planning to leave the capital.

While admitting the present crisis, none will admit pessimism for the future.

Another impression gained is that the Chinese, fully realising now that it will be a purely Chinese show here on, are entirely on their own as far as American help or advice is concerned. They acknowledge they have abandoned hope of getting American aid, and that self-help will be the only help in fighting Communism in China.—United Press.

Turkish Clamour For Cyprus

Istanbul, December 27.
The entire police force was mobilised today for a demonstration by 10,000 to 15,000 Turks shouting to the return of Cyprus to Turkey.

Extra police precautions were taken because a similar demonstration got out of hand last year.

Today's student-inspired demonstration climaxed a long series of editorials all of which were devoted to stressing Turkey's historic claim to Cyprus. Similar editorials have been appearing in the Greek press, demanding the island for Greece.

There has been growing feeling between Greeks and Turks because of rival claims.

Both sides agreed, however, in their dissatisfaction with British rule in Cyprus, whose population is mostly Greek and Turkish.—United Press.

Bombay, December 27.
The General Secretary of the Indian Trade Union Congress, Mr. Narayan Joshi, today called on all seamen and dock workers to demonstrate their sympathy for Indonesia by boycotting Dutch ships calling in Bombay.—Reuter.

An interim report has been drafted. There are some minor changes to be made before the

GRIM FACTS FOR WESTERN EUROPE

Paris, December 27.
The European recovery programme governments of Western Europe face the grim fact that they are not recovering as fast as the plan demands.

There are many explanations for this but the executive of the organisation of Western powers has decided after lengthy conferences to lay the cold fact before the United States.

report is handed to the E.R.P. Director, Paul G. Hoffman, But in net effect this will be the story:

1. The 10 E.R.P. members were expected by 1952 to be able to finance their own dollar purchases with exports instead of drawing on the U.S. Treasury under the E.R.P. plan. There does not seem much chance that they can do it.

2. Instead of being on an even keel, the 19 associates will still need from the U.S. possibly from one to three thousand million U.S. dollars a year.

3. The interim report will suggest several ways of improving the situation but none which can be guaranteed as certain.

Effects of the last war and worries about the next one are contributing causes of the difficulties the countries face in organising their economical structure.—Associated Press.

U.S. ARMY PURGE

Washington, December 27.

The Army disclosed today that it is running a loyalty check to keep Communists out of its ranks. All volunteers, draftees and applicants for commissions are required to make an affidavit whether they are, or ever were affiliated with any group advocating overthrow of the Government by force, violence or intimidation.

Any civilian applicant who admits such ties is barred, and men already in the service who admit such affiliations may be discharged.—United Press.

\$1,500,000 Xmas Present

New York, December 26.
Mr. Myron C. Taylor, President Truman's personal representative to the Vatican, has given a \$1,500,000 Christmas present to Cornell University to erect and furnish a student's interfaith building as a memorial to the second World War.

The building will be called Annabel Taylor Hall, in honor of Mr. Taylor's wife.—Reuter.

Tornado Damage

Mombasa, December 27.
Two tornadoes which struck Mombasa yesterday caused extensive damage. No one was reported seriously injured.

The first tore off the roof of a custom shed at the dockside, shattered an engineering shed and seriously damaged a motor boat on the docks for repairs.

The second, two hours later, struck the aerodrome at Port Reitz, used by the Royal Air Force and civilian aircraft. Roofs were ripped off billets and a large garage was blown down, burying three cars in the wreckage.—Reuter.

Fuzeta, Portugal, December 27.

The Portuguese trawler, Gasparinho—last night feared lost after failing to return from a trip in rough seas—has returned to port with the crew of 24 all safe and sound.—Reuter.

Ten-Point Peace Scheme For China Put Forward

San Francisco, December 27.
Mr. Mao Chien-wou, who said he founded the Ta Kung Daily News of Nanking and Hankow, today outlined a 10-point programme for ending China's civil war.

He proposed:

1. Immediate resignation of President Chiang Kai-shek, his close associates in the Government and the military.

2. Immediate restoration of the fundamental freedoms, including freedom of speech, and release of political prisoners.

3. Withdrawal of Government and Communist troops 30 miles behind their respective fronts during peace negotiation and cessation of propaganda warfare.

4. Send "middle rinders" such as Lo Lung-chi to invite the Communist leaders Mao Tse-tung and Chow En-lai to Nanking and also invite Marshal Li Chai-sum, Chang Kai-chuan and others from Hong Kong to negotiate a peace.

National Assembly

5. Convoke a "political consultative council" in Nanking to form a coalition government composed one-third of Nationalists, one-third of Communists and one-third of other parties and non-partisans.

6. Lay out a national reconstruction programme based on "political democratisation, army nationalisation and economic socialisation."

7. Convoke a national assembly to revise the constitution and elect a president who will lead China to a constitutional democracy.

No Mediation

8. After the peace all Chinese should unite for recovery with foreign investment welcomed so long as it does not encroach on national sovereignty.

9. A Chinese foreign policy devoted to peace world, neither anti-American nor anti-Soviet.

10. Peace negotiations by China alone without participation by the United States or Russia.—Associated Press.

INTERNATIONAL MORALITY CODE

London, December 27.
The Executive Committee of the Inter-Parliamentary Union will meet in Paris on December 29 and 30 to consider its 1949 programme and the steps to be taken following the decisions at the Union's recent Rome conference, it was announced here today.

These decisions included the framing of an international morality code, and a resolution calling for that international control and inspection "with a view to the abolition of the atomic bomb."

The Union's decision has only the force of recommendation to some Parliaments or the United Nations.—Reuter.

Russia Deports Students

Berlin, December 27.

The British-controlled newspaper, Die Welt, reported today that Soviet military tribunal had sentenced seven Leipzig University students to long terms of hard labour and deportation to the Soviet Union for conspiracy with the capitalist and anti-democratic West.

The paper said that the leader of the group, Natonek, chairman of the University Students Council, and a member of the Liberal Democratic Party, had been sentenced to 25 years hard labour.

No German counsel was granted to the students and the trial took place in camera, the report said.—Reuter.

INTERNATIONAL CONTEST

Leyden, December 27.

Jurists of all countries are invited to take part in an international prize contest set by Leyden University, in the Netherlands.

There are two prize subjects:

1. A critical study of the International Civil Law and Jurisdiction of the 20th century concerning the confiscation of property, including Nationalisation.

2. A critical survey of organisation and procedure of the great political conference from the middle of the 17th till the end of the 19th century.

The letter was signed by 11 professors. It contrasted the reported enthusiastic attitude of Yugoslavia teachers before the Cominform resolution which criticised Yugoslavia with their "anti-democratic and unfriendly" attitude afterwards.

Eighteen medical and 10 technical students have been expelled from Belgrade University for hostility to Yugoslavia. A member of the French General Staff was found shot dead in his home in Paris this afternoon. The body was immediately taken to hospital for an autopsy. Police believe he had committed suicide.—Reuter.

MARSHALL PLAN FOR ASIA SUGGESTED

Saint Brieuc, December 27.
A former French Financial Minister suggests that a recovery programme similar to the one in Europe should be set up for Asia.

Writing in a weekly newspaper, M. René Plevé, a deputy in the National Assembly, said recent Communist victories in China had focussed world attention on Asia instead of Europe.

The United States, Britain and France could not stand idly by in the face of the threat all China might be lost to the Communists, he said.

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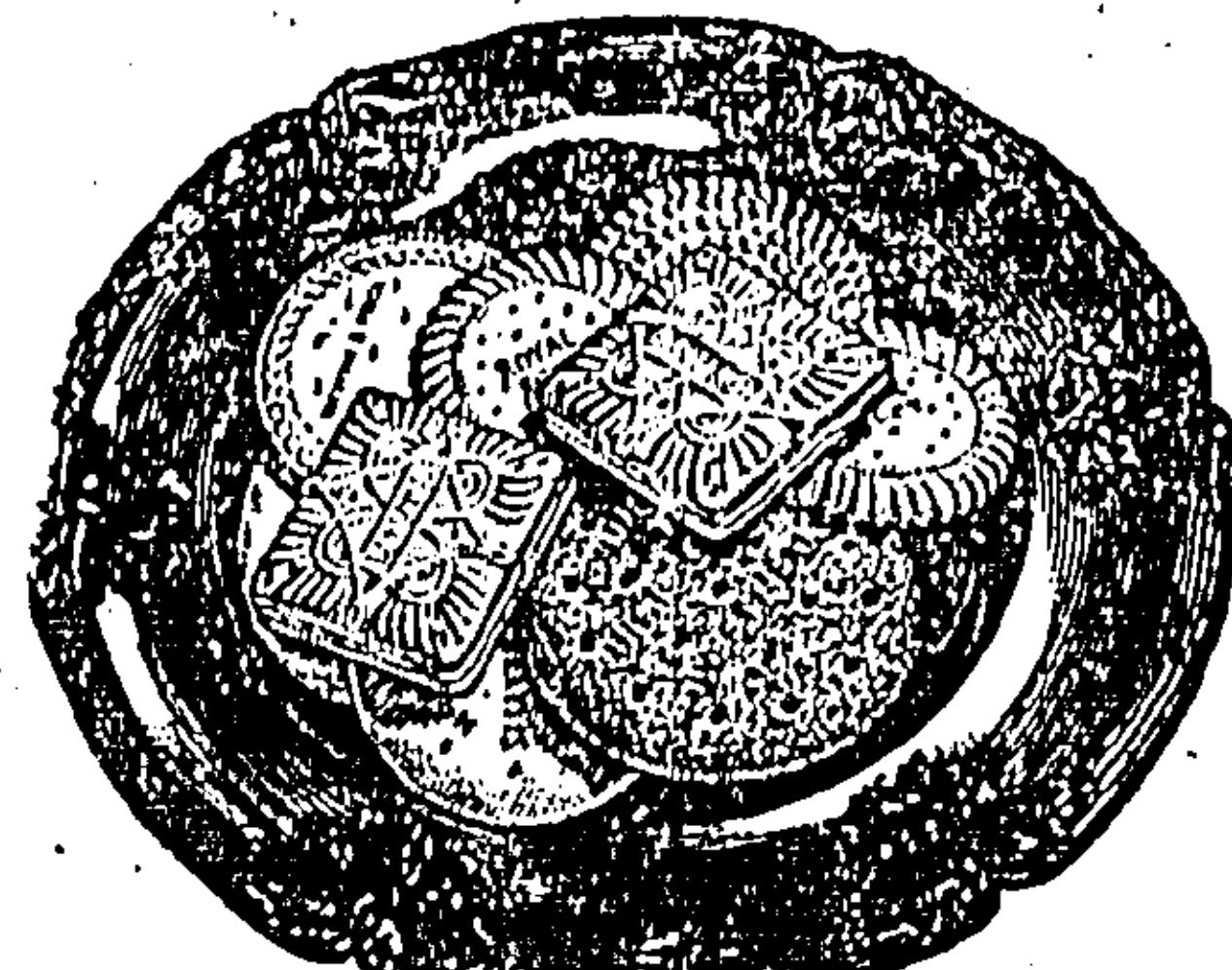
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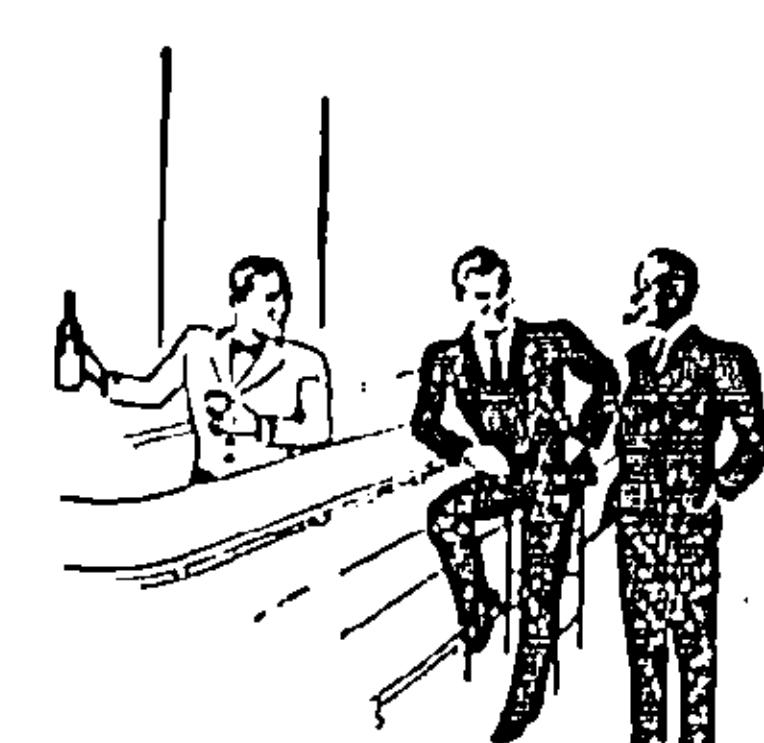
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FACTS SUPPRESSED IN TRIAL OF SADIST

Washington, December 27.
The Senate's super investigating committee says that the clemency granted Ilse Koch was utterly unjustified.

It urges the Army to seek new evidence so it can try her again.

In a stinging 12,000-word report covering its investigation of the case, the Committee singled out Lieutenant-Colonel

SHOULD LIVE NEARER WORK

London, December 27.
New underground railways and the provision of housing for workers in the centre of the capital is recommended as a solution of London's transport problem, considerably worse since the war, in a statement issued by the London Chamber of Commerce.

The tendency for workers to travel to and from the outskirts instead of living in London must be reversed, and houses and large blocks of flats for workers should be built in bombed sites and in the place of huge houses in the central districts.

The plans of the Chamber have been sent to the Minister of Transport, the Minister of Town and Country Planning and the War Damage Commission.—Reuters

IMPROVED TEACHING

Moscow, December 27.
The Ministry of Education of the Russian Republic has now decided that all school teachers who have not had pedagogical education must take special courses.

The courses given the teacher will not interrupt their teaching and will be partly correspondence courses. Special attention, it is stated by Tass, will be given to biology teaching. The decree provided that teachers with less than 15 years' experience must take the specified courses while those with more than 15 years to their credit would be expected to study by themselves to improve their qualifications.—Associated Press.

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Corporals See Black Thing

Mombasa, December 27.
Two Royal Air Force corporals have chased the "Killindini Monster" across Mombasa harbour in a motor launch. They say it has a head like a bull only larger—three feet long and two feet wide—covered with scales and of a dark colour.

Protuberances on either side, they consider to be either ears or horns. The "monster" is known to generations of Africans as Kitu Nyewa (The Black Thing).

It is now being linked with the recent disappearance of a boy diver in Killindini harbour, the port of Mombasa.

The men, Corporal E. Collett and Corporal J. Somerville, said it made a heavy wash as though it had a huge body, and that it took no notice of a Verey pistol fired at it.—Reuters

Defence Pact Talks Make Good Progress

Washington, December 27.
Drafting of the projected seven-nation North Atlantic security pact is progressing rapidly. This is despite squabbles among the leading powers on other international problems.

Western diplomatic sources said work on the historic peace-time alliance is running ahead of the schedule envisaged a month ago. The treaty may be ready for Senate action within six weeks if all goes well.

Diplomats working on treaty details adjourned their talks over the Christmas week-end.

Tight secrecy is being drawn around the talks as they move toward final agreement.

But Western diplomats familiar with the negotiations reported that they are going very well despite.

Mass Exodus Of White Russians

Shanghai, December 27.
A mass exodus of White Russians from Shanghai is expected to get under way some time today with the departure of 50 emigres by air for Japan.

The first of three DC-4 aircraft, transporting 150 White Russians who have been given permission to enter Japan, is expected to arrive at Lungtun Aerodrome on the Southern outskirts of Shanghai early this morning and leave a few hours later.

Meanwhile, a steamer which will evacuate 800 other White Russians is expected to arrive here on or about December 29.

A source close to the Shanghai White Russian community said that great disappointment was felt when SCAP permitted the entry of only 150 persons into Japan.

It is assumed however that they are permanent.

According to the paper, reports received in Shanghai from Buenos Aires said there had been friction between different White Russian groups in the Argentine.

It is presumed that these troubles, as well as the fact that a number of the White Russians already settled in the country, had applied for visas to the Soviet Union, were behind the suspension.—Reuters.

COLD CURE?

London December 27.
An English doctor says sulphur dioxide fumes seem to give protection against the common cold and influenza.

Dr. T. H. Durkin of Bourton-on-the-Hill described in the British Medical Journal how workmen employed in part of a factory where the air was heavy with the fumes were markedly free from colds.

Workmen elsewhere in the plant did not enjoy the immunity, Dr. Durkin wrote.

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Salmon Skin "Leather"

Berlingham, December 27.
Pacific American Fisheries announced it has developed "leathers" from salmon skin.

The fishing company's by-product of its new process of processing salmon after the backbone and skin have been removed.

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The company said the salmon skins are large and thicker than reptile skins. It said the leather trade is studying the new creation for possible uses.—Associated Press.

MORE CZECH NATIONALISATION

Prague, December 27.
The Czechoslovak Nationalisation Programme has extended to the railways, post office and airlines, which have been operated as state concerns.

They are going to have to operate as business concerns and preferably show a profit.

Bills have been prepared for Parliament to set up the post office and transport organisation in business. The employees have approved the proposal.

In addition to operating with a Board of Directors, just like any new corporation will be subject to taxes and the Board of Directors—one third of which is to come from the Enterprise's Trade Union Organisation—will be answerable to business discipline.—Associated Press.

NURSES' CONGRESS

Stockholm December 27.
More than 4,000 nurses from all parts of the world are expected in Stockholm next June for the biggest International Congress ever held here.

Preparations for the giant congress, to be arranged for June 12-16 by the International Council of nurses under its Swedish President, Miss Gerda Hojer, have been under way for several months.—Associated Press.



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INCREASING IMPORTANCE OF JAPAN TO U.S. DEFENCE

Washington, December 27.

As another year approaches, with its fatal international question marks, Japan looms ever more important on the horizon of United States strategic thinking.

Naturally and inevitably China is linked with that thinking. From Washington's viewpoint Japan's immediate future is brighter than struggling China's.

Two problems are poised in any year-end review of Japan's status via-a-vis the rest of Asia. They are:

1. The Japanese treaty.

2. How and where Japan may fit into an overall policy.

From these two stem a third—the possibilities of Japan as a barrier against Communism.

United Press discussions with persons in the various branches of Government add up to the following impressions as to current Washington thinking: prospects simply do not exist that the peace treaty for Japan will be concluded in the foreseeable future.

There are no indications that any of the Big Four Powers will alter their positions sufficiently to allow drafting of the peace treaty.

No Compromise

The United States originally proposed that the two-thirds voting rule apply to treaty drafting.

The Soviets and the Chinese opposed this and insisted on retaining veto rights.

Reliable sources say that the situation remains substantially the same with no sign of either side willing to compromise.

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The Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Robert Lovett, emphasised several times to questioners that the United States has not changed its China policy. He would not go further than that.

A reporter said that the last policy statement he could remember recommended all parties including Communists. Mr. Lovett replied that the reporter was not accurate.

Although Mr. Lovett insisted this Government recognises and has implemented aid to the Chiang Kai-shek Government, the fact remains that despite the urgent requests from the Chinese for a statement of solidarity in their struggle with the Communists none has been forthcoming.

Observers take this omission to mean the United States has lost faith in President Chiang's ability to hold his regime together.

The Alternatives

On the other hand the United States is unwilling to publicly withdraw support from or further endanger the position of its long time Chinese ally. Of all possible alternatives the United States policy could take toward China three appear uppermost in

This process is telling us a lot about our own atmosphere as well as about the meteors themselves.—Reuter.

Explaining the importance of cosmic ray research, Mr. Pollard said: "The properties of cosmic rays may enable us to understand the inner workings of the atom."

"Cosmic rays," he added, "are very high-energy fast particles which are bombarding the earth from nobody knows where. They represent the extreme of energy and therefore are most intriguing."

Comparing the atom bomb with the cosmic rays, he explained that "in the atom bomb no one particle has much more than a million electron volts of energy, while in cosmic rays we find particles of energy with billions of volts or better."

Following Meteors

"It is a remarkable fact," Mr. Pollard continued, "that while we have learned one way to release atomic energy, we have not learned where it comes from or how it is involved in the atom."

Mr. Pollard carried his prediction a step further. "I suggest

based on all aspects of its months-long investigation of pre-war and wartime espionage, including the controversial Miss Chambers' pukomkin papers spy case.

"We will propose steps to prevent this type of thing occurring again," he said.

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based on all aspects of its months-long investigation of pre-war and wartime espionage, including the controversial Miss Chambers' pukomkin papers spy case.

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Mr. Pollard added that the Committee is convinced Russian espionage did not stop when Whitaker Chambers dropped out of the Communist Party.

"There is no question that there are Communists in the United States and no question that some Communists are still employed by the Government"—United Press.

They will include what we consider adequate security measures and stern punishment for officials who violate them."

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Whether they admit it or not, it is obvious that United States policy thinkers see in Japan a vital segment in the line from the Aleutians Southward to Japan, Okinawa and the Philippines.—United Press.

Defence Line

The Under-Secretary for War, Mr. William Draper, has publicly reiterated United States determination to make Japan self-supporting. An indication of thinking along another line was General Eichelberger's recent recommendation for the establishment of a well armed Japanese constabulary.

Therefore the United States is steadily working to strengthen Japan's economy as evidenced by the recent austerity programme looking toward a stable yen and the SCAP budget mission drafting requests of finance the rehabilitation programme.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

CAUTIOUS FORECASTS FOR THE
PHILIPPINES IN COMING YEARManila, December 27.
Government leaders predict prosperity for the Philippines in the coming new year but their forecasts are cautious.

Dangerous symptoms which appeared during 1948 caused economists to intensify warnings that the young Republic's rising wave of false wealth is on the surface.

Huge United States payments brought the Philippine finance index to a new height.

Serious economic disorders are feared unless the Philippines greatly boosts agricultural and industrial production and increases exports.

How many millions of pesos were used for these purposes in 1948? This is a question which causes uneasiness.

Some went to meet higher living costs. These costs exceeded those of the past year with rice shortages, hoarding and profiteering driving food prices upward.

Despite these costs, luxury buying was great until the third quarter when all retail trade began tapering off.

Bank Loans

Pesos went to bank deposits or were invested in real estate.

Dr. Leon Gonzales, Director of the Bureau of Census and Statistics, reported co-operative and partnership investments are definitely on the down-grade.

United States capitalists failed to make large investments although the Philippine constitution permits them equality with Filipinos in developing natural resources. American business generally said they feared signs of growing ultranationalism in the Philippines.

Bank loans had a downward trend. Plácido Mapa, Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources urged banks toward more aggressive and active participation in rehabilitation finance.

These trends were disquieting but not detrimental in 1948, as economists fear they may be if allowed to develop.

Sufficient capital was invested in rebuilding pre-war export industries to narrow the Philippine's unfavourable trade balance from January to November to 247,85,088 pesos. For the same

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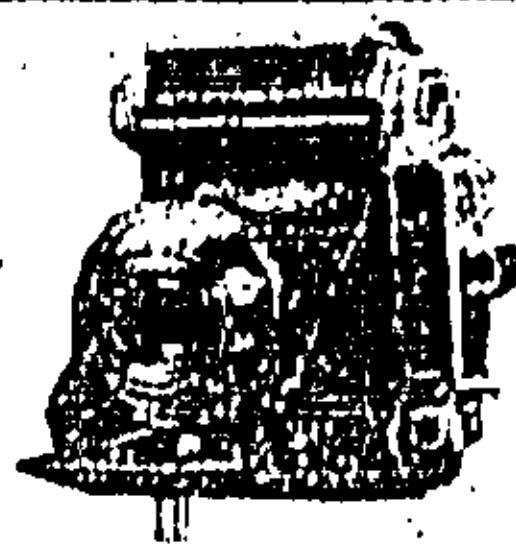
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NAVY LOSE TO ARMY XI; S. CHINA 'A' BEAT POLICE

The First Division soccer game between Royal Navy and Army at Causeway Bay yesterday afternoon proved to be a close affair, the soldiers gaining the decision by the only goal of the match.

At Caroline Hill, in a game which was far below First Division standard, South China "A" preserved their unbeaten record as the result of an easy victory over Police, whom they beat by four goals to one.

The Junior Shield re-play between Royal Navy and Club, which was played at Causeway Bay, resulted in an easy victory for the sailors by three goals to nil.

Royal Navy 0—Army 1

The small crowd which witnessed the match were treated to a tame sporting display by both teams, and had the Navy been steadier in front of goal, they might have bettered matters.

The game was played at a fast pace and both sides served up some attractive football. There was an absence of wild kicking and at times the ball went from one to man in steady pre-meditated moves.

Bafferty, who was injured in yesterday's match, was sorely tested in the centre forward and in the second half Buck came into the centre.

The opening exchanges went to the Navy and they carried on attacking throughout the first half. The Army seemed slow, but maybe this was probably due to the way in which Tozer and Holloway eclipsed Brown.

Holloway, at centre half for the sailors, was a tower of strength and not only broke up many attacks but also carried the ball upfield.

Weatherall the opposing pivot, came to the rescue on many occasions and it was his distribution of the ball that gave the Army their chances.

With 16 minutes of the first half to go, Army broke through and robust tackling of the Police de-

fenders prevented them from scoring.

On at least three occasions the Chinese should have taken the lead when their forwards broke through the Police defence. With only the goalie to beat, however, the forwards shot yards wide of the mark.

Much against the run of the play, Police took the lead when, following a scramble in the Chinese goal-mouth, the ball was bundled into the net.

This goal served to shake up the Chinese and within a minute they had gained the equalizer. Tozer, the best wing, Tsang Weng with a fast ground shot,

There was no further scoring before half time.

The second half saw the Chinese continually on the attack, with the Police forwards only getting away occasionally.

The Police goal was subjected to an almost continual bombardment, with the Chinese forwards doing everything but score.

After holding out for 15 minutes, the Police defence collapsed and the Chinese were able to score three times, twice through Chang Kang-ho and once through Chu Wai-keung, who netted from a penalty.

In the last minute of the game, the Chinese were awarded another penalty, but Fung Kung-cheung, who took the spot kick, died the ball.

S. China "A"—Yu Yiu-tak, Hau Yung-sang; Tse Kain-hung, Cheung Shui-ling, Soong Ling-ching, Fung Kung-cheung, Chu Wing-keung, Chang Kam-ho, Lau Shiu-wing, and Tse Kam-ho.

Police—Tsang Weng, Ho Shing, Lui Wai, Gordon, Howlett, Leung Shing, Wong Kit-kin, Tam Yung-kan, Redman, Lau Pak-hung and Ng Yu-wai.

England Trounce Portuguese, 6-1

Giving a brilliant all-round display of top grade soccer, England beat Portugal by six goals to one on the Club Ground on Sunday in the First Round of the International Charity Cup Competition.

England's victory was all the more meritorious in view of the fact that they were, for the greater part of the game, playing with only 10 men.

Rafferty, leader of the English attack, received a serious injury early in the first half and, on leaving the field, was immediately rushed to hospital.

England will now meet China in the Final Round, which will be played on Sunday, April 10, 1949.

Cordell, the English custodian, had a comparatively easy time between the sticks, as the Portuguese forwards were given only a limited number of chances to get within shooting distance.

Hughes and Tozer were a sound pair of backs whose work was beyond reproach.

Forow, as centre-half, "played his usual the spoiling game, while on his flanks, Robinson and Holloway more than held their own against the Portuguese wingers, who were rarely seen to advantage.

In addition to their excellent defensive work, the English intermediate line was repeatedly in the limelight by setting the English forwards in motion with passes which seldom went astray.

The English forwards gave a rousing display and their speed on the ball was delight to watch. Up to the time of his injury, Rafferty proved himself to be an admirable leader. His speed was always a menace to the Portuguese defence and it was only the brilliant goal-keeping of the Portuguese goalie which prevented him from scoring on at least two occasions.

Tricky Marsden

Probably the best forward on view was Marsden, who speed and tricky play contributed much towards the success of the English team. Kieran also gave an outstanding performance and together with Marsden gave the Portuguese defence a hectic afternoon.

Brown and Ramskill, the English wingers were much too good for the Portuguese defence. They were always dangerous when in possession. Brown, however, was inclined to be erratic in his shooting at times and in consequence wasted several good scoring chances.

Silva, the Portuguese goalie, gave a first class exhibition and fully justified his inclusion in the

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

INTERNATIONAL CHARITY CUP COMPETITION

FIRST ROUND

PORTUGAL 1 ENGLAND 6

FIRST DIVISION

ROYAL NAVY 0 ARMY 1

JUNIOR SHIELD RE-PLAY

ROYAL NAVY 3 CLUB 0

SECOND DIVISION

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One of the English defenders nodded the ball towards his own goal with Cordell out of his charge. As the ball rolled towards the goal, Cordell dived and grasped it just before it crossed the goal line.

Before half time, England scored two further goals through Brown, each of which was the result of splendid scheming.

On resumption, the Portuguese attack showed more fight and stature never allowed himself to be discouraged. He was prominent in a number of neat clearances and passing of the ball.

Collico, who started off as left back, came up to the forward line in an attempt to break down the English defense, but was not able to make much headway.

Pereira, who led the Portuguese attack, was a tiger throughout and although lacking in weight and stature, never allowed himself to be discouraged. He was prominent in a number of neat clearances and passing of the ball.

England started off in promising style and spectators were given their first thrill when Marsden broke through and sent in a ringing shot which struck the top of the left upright before going out of play.

Misunderstanding

The next thrill came when a misunderstanding between the Portuguese backs almost resulted in Rafferty scoring. Fortunately, the Portuguese defense recovered in time and cleared the ball before Marsden could send it into the net.

Following a neat movement between Marsden and Brown in the fourth minute of the game, Brown gave England the lead with a powerful shot which gave Silva no chance.

Rafferty again came into prominence when he broke through the opposing defense and made a bee-line for goal. It looked almost certain that he would score, but Silva, with great presence of mind, dashed out from his charge and dived to gather the ball just as Rafferty was about to shoot.

The Portuguese forwards carried the ball into the English end of the field in a brave attempt to obtain the equalizer, but were soon thrown back.

Another attack on the Portuguese goal almost saw the English gain the equalizer when

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Home Football Results

London, December 27. The following were the results of football matches played today:

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Bolton 6 Sheffield U. 1 Bristol C. 1 Aldershot 1

Derby 2 Arsenal 0 Palace 0 Newport 1

Huddersfield 1 Blackpool 0 Ipswich 3 Walsall 2

Liverpool 0 Manchester U. 2 Orient 2 Port Vale 0

Manchester C. 0 Everton 0 Notts C. 2 Northampton 1

Middlesbrough 0 Sunderland 0 Southend 2 Norwich 2

Newcastle 1 Birmingham 0 Swansens 2 Rendles 0

Portsmouth 5 Chelsea 2 Swindon 2 Millwall 0

Preston 2 Charlton 0 Torquay 1 Bournemouth 1

Stoke 2 Burnley 1 Watford 0 Bristol R. 0

SECOND DIVISION

Barnsley 2 Grimsby 1 Accrington 2 Doncaster 0

Cardiff 2 Brentford 0 Barrow 2 Southport 0

Chesterfield 3 Lincoln 1 Bradford C. 2 Oldham 1

Coventry 2 Bury 0 Darlington 0 Carlisle 1

Fulham 2 Bradford 0 Chester 1 Crewe 1

Leeds 1 West Ham 3 Hartlepools 1 Gateshead 0

Queen's P.R. 1 Luton 1 Mansfield 1 Wrexham 0

Sheffield W. 2 West Brom 1 Rochdale 2 Stockport 0

Southampton 2 Notts F. 1 Rotherham 0 Hull 0

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